Warden Message - U.S. Embassy, Lusaka 18 November 2009 Elections - Solwezi

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens of the potential for violence leading up to and immediately following the November 19 parliamentary by-elections in Solwezi district, Northwestern Province. Although no U.S. citizens have been targeted, there is always the potential to become caught up in disturbances. U.S. citizens in Solwezi district are advised to avoid large political gatherings.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Zambia who are not already registered with the U.S. Embassy are encouraged to do so through the State Department's <u>travel registration website</u> (https://travelregistration.state.gov/), so they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Zambia. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy in Lusaka. By registering, citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

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For routine services, American citizens should make an appointment via the Embassy's appointment website

(http://zambia.usembassy.gov/acsappointments.html).